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SUBJECT: NEW YORK POLICE COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT

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1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 9 A LETTER FROM FRANK MCLOUGHLIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO POLICE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL CODD, AS REPORTED REFERENCE A:

BEGIN QUOTE:

I ATTENDED THE NEWS BRIEFING HE HELD WHEN THE REMARKS REFERRED TO WERE MADE AND WILL GIVE YOU THE EXACT DETAILS OR AS EXACT AS MY MEMORY CAN CREATE THEM.

---- 1. COMMISSIONER CODD DID NOT STATE THAT THE
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----- PERPETRATORS OF A LARGE NUMBER OF TERRORIST
----- ATTACKS WERE WELL KNOWN TO HIM.

--- IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THIS GROUP
HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS IN THE PAST, WE SAID

WE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS BEING INVOLVED
BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN A COUPLE OF INCIDENTS IN THE PAST
YEAR INVOLVING YUGOSLAV MISSIONS AND A CROATIAN CHURCH
IN NEW YORK CITY.

---- 2. COMMISSIONER CODD DID NOT SAY THE POLICE
---- AND THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAVE BEEN ALWAYS
---- SOMEHOW RESTRAINED IN CLEARING UP THINGS.

--- IN A COMPLETELY NON-RELATED CONTEXT HE WAS ASKED
WHETHER RECENT COURT RULINGS HAD IMPAIRED THE DEPART-
MENT'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH SUCH TERRORISTS AND HE
SAID YES THAT THE NATION'S CONCERN WITH THE INTELLI-
GENCE ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS (TO WIT,
THE C.I.A. AND F.B.I., ETC.) HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR US TO CONDUCT UNDERGROUND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES.

END QUOTE

2. WE ARE TRYING TO GET A TAPE OR TRANSCRIPT FROM
WCBS. WILL ADVISE. KISSINGER

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